

WORKSHOP ON CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR ALBANIA AS A CANDIDATE COUNTRY

INTEGRATION PROCESS TO EU – EXPERIENCES OF MONTENEGRO

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PROCESS ON COUNTRY LEVEL

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- Organization of the country:
 - Negotiation structure
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PROBLEM:

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PROCESS ON THE LEVEL OF STATISTICAL SYSTEM **(main coordinator of statistical system – defined by Law)**

In the whole process of EU integration the role of official statistics is twofold:

- Harmonization of **Chapter 18 - Statistics** with international standards;
- Providing data to other users, **other Chapters** to achieve and monitor progress in their fields.

CHAPTER 18 - STATISTICS

Internal organization

- Stages of European integration and the general deadlines
- The organization team of MONSTAT
- Seminar "Development Vision of statistical domains in relation to the EU methodology" - consistent implementation of this plan will enable each individual: (i) to learn the detailed European legislation for statistical research that has jurisdiction; (ii) self-assessment of the results of previous work; (iii) to assess the capacity to fulfill the obligations arising from European legislation, as well as in relation to set realistic plans for harmonization of official statistics in the future.

CHAPTER 18 - STATISTICS

Formation of a working group

The formation of **a working group** (working groups and sub-groups)

Formal establishment of the working group of the Chapter 18. Director presented to the main negotiator:

- the current state of harmonization of official statistics,
- the importance of official statistics are seen in other chapters,
- the importance of the development of administrative sources.

Also, the main risks of the negotiations - a lack of administrative capacity was presented too.

CHAPTER 18 - STATISTICS

A group had 99 members. From that 45% is from MONSTAT, 3% from Ministry of Finance, 6% from the Central Bank, 31% from administrative sources, and 15% of scientific research community, two business community and the trade unions.

The group was divided into 5 subgroups:

1. Social statistics and demography
2. Macroeconomic statistics, national accounts and structural business statistics
3. Business statistics and prices
4. Agriculture, forestry and fishery statistics, environmental statistics, and registers and classifications
5. Coordination of statistical system

CHAPTER 18 - STATISTICS

Working material

Based on detailed analysis of the Statistical Compendium, of each existing regulation MONSTAT recognizes: producers and administrative sources in charge for the implementation of regulations. MONSTAT developed **a database for each statistical domain** that contains the following:

- Regulation or directive (an electronic version in English and translation if applicable)
- List and definition of variables requested
- The responsible official producer and a list of administrative sources

OTHER CHAPTERS

Recognize the role of institutions holders (NSI) of Chapter 18 in other Chapters.

Internal rules for participation in the working groups in other negotiating chapters

Chapter 2 - Freedom of movement for workers

Chapter 11 - Agriculture and Rural Development;

Chapter 12 - Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy;

Chapter 13 - Fisheries

Chapter 16 - Taxation

Chapter 17 - Economic and monetary policy;

Chapter 19 - Social policy and employment;

Chapter 20 - Enterprise and industrial policy;

Chapter 22 - Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments;

Chapter 25 - Science and Research

Subgroup for Chapter 27 - Environment and climate change

Chapter 29 - Customs union

Chapter 33 - Financial and budgetary provisions

PROCESS ON THE LEVEL OF STATISTICAL SYSTEM

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SCREENING – CHAPTER 18

Screening is the process that consists of two parts:

- Explanatory/descriptive (where the acquis - the EU statistical legislation represents), and
- Bilateral Screening (where the country represents itself and its current state in a given area)
- Screening Report
- Negotiation Position

SCREENING – CHAPTER 18

EXPERIENCE:

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INTEGRATION PROCESS TO EU

Thank you for your attention

